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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Chentsau Ying et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/991,166

FILED: November 16, 2001

FOR: METHOD OF REDUCING PARTICULATES  
IN A PLASMA ETCH CHAMBER  
DURING A METAL ETCH PROCESS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1765

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§ EXAMINER: L. Vinh

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**AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:


Transmitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "B" in response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of October 21, 2004.

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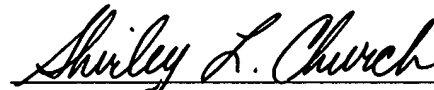
**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	<u>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</u>		<u>HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</u>		<u>PRESENT EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	minus	64	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$ 00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	7	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$ 00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0				\$290.00	\$ 00.00
							TOTAL FEE DUE	\$ 00.00

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "B". However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Claims 1 - 30 and 32 - 65 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 29 and 61 - 65 are provisionally rejected under 35 USC § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1 - 29 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/918,671 (which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,770,567, on August 3, 2004).

Claims 30 and 32 - 60 are allowed.

Please amend the application as follows: